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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Councilors,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Michael Galant. I'm a relatively new resident of Cambridge - two years now, as I attend grad school, but will soon settle in for longer as I am taking a job here after graduation. I love this city and have found a home here.

That is why I know that Cambridge can do better. I am extremely disappointed to hear that Cambridge has major contracts with Hewlett Packard, a company that has favored profits over humanity in its complicity with human rights abuses in Israel. As a Jew, I am also disappointed to hear that there are those who continue to try to sell the false narrative that boycott is antisemitic or extreme (particularly knowing that some, like CJUI, are, in fact, Islamophobic). I applaud the bravery, compassion, and conscience of those Councillors who plan to take a stand on April 23rd.

Cambridge is not just another city. Cambridge has been on the right side of history before - particularly during the boycott campaigns directed at the apartheid regime in South Africa. I am drawn to Cambridge for its compassion - few cities would hang an LGBT flag from their city hall. Particularly given what is happening in the rest of the country, Cambridge is, and should strive to be, a leader in upholding principles of inclusion, equity, and human rights. Cambridge's strength is in its moral leadership. This is why I hope that our City Councillors will do what is right on April 23rd.

Thank you for your support.

Best,
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